

THE LOWELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

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## *The Lowell Association for the Blind*

(Incorporated November, 1928)

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THE Lowell Association for the Blind, Inc. has befriended one hundred and forty-six sightless people during the past year. Of this number forty have attended the monthly socials of the Acme Club, and fourteen have received instruction at the bi-monthly sewing classes.

In October the Acme Club members were taken to Revere Beach for a shore dinner. In February they attended the concert in Liberty Hall given by Joseph Marshall, one of their members. Twenty-seven attended a theatrical performance in Boston in April, and fifty-six were entertained at a picnic in June. Transportation for all these activities has been supplied by members of the Motor Corp.

The emphasis of the General Secretary has been placed on adequate and complete records of cases. Twenty-eight new names having been added to the list this year. In seventeen cases thorough investigations have been made; nine of the seventeen persons have been asked to come to the Acme Club meetings, seven are under consideration for future meetings, four are being given instruction by the State teacher, and five have been given some help other than recreation. Every person has been visited.

Three blind children are able to stay at the Perkins Institute for the Blind through assistance from the Association, and several persons needing examinations or treatment have been taken to clinics or given other aid when necessary.

Thirty radios have been installed by the Lions Club, but are maintained by this Association.

Every sightless person was remembered in some way at Christmas, the appropriation by this Association being generously supplemented by members of the Middlesex Women's Club, who were actively in charge of our Christmas cheer work.

The Lowell Association is venturing into a new field of service this summer by providing a week's vacation in the country for sixteen of the most needy and deserving people. It is hoped that we may eventually have a permanent vacation home, so that more of these people can be benefited by a rest and change of environment during the summer months.

The work done in the past two years warranted the incorporation of the Association in November, 1928. A permanent headquarters is maintained at Room 213, Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank Building, 34 John Street. This office is open to the blind people every Tuesday where they may go for advice or help. The Lowell Association for the Blind wishes to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed in any way to the carrying on of this work. Such persons are cordially invited to visit the sociables, sewing classes, and the headquarters.

This report is sent you that you may see what has been done during the past year, and that you may continue your interest in this necessary work.

THE LOWELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT — Year Ending December 31, 1928

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1928 .....	\$ 347.45	
Dues:—		
Active .....	\$ 73.00	
Sustaining .....	105.00	
Life .....	50.00	
		228.00
Special Gifts .....		31.00
Paint & Powder Club Show .....		3,062.02
Interest on Bank Deposit .....		4.80
		<u>\$3,673.27</u>

EXPENDITURES

Relief .....	\$153.50	
Education .....	60.90	
Entertainment .....	46.41	
Incidental Expense .....	188.03	
Corporation Tax .....	25.00	
Radio Maintenance .....	194.97	
		\$ 668.81
Investments (Five Cents Savings Bank)...		2,500.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1928 .....		504.46
		<u>\$3,673.27</u>

EDWARD F. LAMSON,  
Treasurer.

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In order to justify the amount of time and money which the Lowell Association for the Blind expends upon investigation and records, it is well to remind ourselves that the work of an organization of this kind must be two-fold, if it has any excuse for existence. First, in dealing with individual cases we must aim to replace the individual in a normal social relationship, which has become difficult or impossible for him because of his disability. To do this intelligently presupposes thorough investigation. Second, we must collect accurate, readily available information which may be used for social research, which in the long run, is the most important contribution any agency can make to the community. For this purpose good records are essential.

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The program of activities for the Lowell Association for the Blind for the coming year is as follows:

A meeting of the Acme Club the second Tuesday of each month.

A meeting of the Directors of the Corporation on the third Tuesday of each month at four o'clock, at headquarters room 213, 34 John Street.

Sewing classes will be conducted on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year, excepting July and August.

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